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June 13, 2013

Ms. Rasha Prince
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Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011

Subject: Expedited Advice Letter Approval to Extend and Enter Into Interstate Capacity Contracts Between Southern California Gas Company and El Paso Natural Gas Company

Dear Ms. Prince:

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) Advice Letter (AL) 4495 is effective June 13, 2013. With AL 4495 SoCalGas sought approval from the Commission of several interstate pipeline capacity contracts with El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso).

Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern) filed a late protest on June 12, 2013. Under the expedited advice letter process established in Decision 04-09-022 for review of interstate pipeline capacity contracts, protests are due within ten days following the filing of the expedited advice letter. SoCalGas AL 4495 was submitted to the Energy Division on May 23, 2013. Protests were due on June 3, 2013.

Transwestern asserts that, due to the confidential nature of the terms of the contracts for which SoCalGas is seeking approval, it could not have filed a protest earlier because it was unaware of the impact of those contracts on Transwestern's capacity rights held by SoCalGas. Transwestern states it only later learned of that impact. Transwestern also claims that SoCalGas' proposed contracts did not result from competitive offerings, and should be rejected by the Commission.

The Energy Division is rejecting the late protest of Transwestern for the following reasons: 1) the Transwestern protest was filed well after the due date for protests, and 2) Transwestern's explanation for its failure to file a protest in a timely fashion is insufficient. Transwestern is aware of the expedited nature of the interstate pipeline capacity review process, and is also aware that certain terms of these contracts must often be confidential. Transwestern did not provide an adequate explanation for why it could not have had discussions with SoCalGas prior to the expiration of the protest period.

The Energy Division hereby approves SoCalGas Advice Letter 4495.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Randolph" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ed Randolph
Director, Energy Division

cc:

Richard Myers, Energy Division

Franz Cheng, Energy Division

Jonathan Bromson, Legal Division

Marck Pocta, DRA

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May 23, 2013

Advice No. 4495
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Expedited Advice Letter Approval to Extend and Enter into Interstate Capacity Contracts between Southern California Gas Company and El Paso Natural Gas Company

Purpose

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) respectfully requests approval to extend and enter into six interstate capacity contracts with El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso).

Background

Under the interstate capacity acquisition procedure approved in Decision (D.) 04-09-022, contracts for interstate capacity supported by the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) and The Utility Reform Network (TURN) may be submitted for approval to the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) by an Expedited Advice Letter.

DRA and TURN have authorized SoCalGas to state that they support the capacity contracts with El Paso as described in confidential Attachment B to this Advice Letter.

Description of Contract

The terms of the six contracts are confidential and are described in Attachment B, which is being submitted under the confidentiality provisions of General Order 66-C and Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code and provided only to the Energy Division, DRA and TURN.

This filing will not create any deviations from SoCalGas' tariffs, cause withdrawal of service from any present customer, or impose any more or less restrictive conditions.

Protests

Anyone may protest this advice letter to the Commission. The protest must state the ground upon which it is based, including such items as financial and service impact, and should be submitted expeditiously. The protest must be made in writing and received

within 10 days of the date this expedited advice letter was filed with the Commission, which is June 3, 2013.

There is no restriction on who may file a protest. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is:

CPUC Energy Division
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Copies of the protest should also be sent via email to the attention of Franz Cheng (fcc@cpuc.ca.gov) and the Energy Division Tariff Unit (EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov). A copy of the protest shall also be sent via both e-mail and facsimile to the addresses shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission.

Attn: Sid Newsom
Tariff Manager - GT14D6
555 West Fifth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011
Facsimile No. (213) 244-4957
E-Mail: snewsom@semprautilities.com

Attn: Steve Hruby
Regulatory Case Manager – GT14D6
555 West Fifth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011
Facsimile No. (213) 244-4957
E-Mail: shruby@semprautilities.com

Effective Date

SoCalGas believes that this filing is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) and respectfully requests that this filing become effective on June 13, 2013, which is 21 calendar days after the date filed.

Notice

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A to this advice letter, which includes interested parties in R.04-01-025.

Rasha Prince
Director - Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No. **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (U 904-G)**

Utility type:

ELC

GAS

PLC

HEAT

WATER

Contact Person: Sid Newsom

Phone #: (213) 244-2846

E-mail: snewsom@semprautilities.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric

GAS = Gas

PLC = Pipeline

HEAT = Heat

WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 4495

Subject of AL: EAL Approval for Renewal of Capacity Contract between Southern California Gas Company and El Paso Natural Gas Company

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Contracts; Capacity

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other Periodic

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

D04-09-022

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL No

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL¹: N/A

Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide explanation: Attachment B is confidential as explained in AL.

Resolution Required? Yes No

Tier Designation: 1 2 3

Requested effective date: 6/13/13

No. of tariff sheets: 0

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): None

Estimated system average rate effect (%): None

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: None

Service affected and changes proposed¹: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: None

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

CPUC, Energy Division

Attention: Tariff Unit

505 Van Ness Ave.

San Francisco, CA 94102

EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Southern California Gas Company

Attention: Sid Newsom

555 West Fifth Street, GT14D6

Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011

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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

ATTACHMENT A

Advice No. 4495

(See Attached Service Lists)

Attachment B

Advice No. 4495

**Terms of Capacity Contract between SoCalGas
and El Paso Natural Gas Company**

This Attachment is being provided only to the Energy Division and Division of Ratepayer Advocates under the confidentiality provisions of the General Order 66-C and Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code and to The Utility Reform Network under the confidentiality provisions of a non-disclosure agreement.